

the researchers and health care providers to the important information they need to curb birth defects and prevent other tragedies like the ones along the Texas/Mexico border.

Biomedical researchers are making progress in preventing birth defects. Recently, scientists discovered the crucial role of the vitamin folic acid in preventing birth defects. Despite discoveries like this, the fact remains that researchers and health care professionals just don't know what causes most birth defects.

That's why this bill is so important. The bill establishes a National Information Clearinghouse on Birth Defects. This national, state-based, tracking system will count the number of babies born with birth defects, identify the causes and start community prevention programs. By learning all the facts surrounding birth defects, we have a chance to get ahead in the fight against them.

Education and research are key to fighting birth defects. With the programs established in the Birth Defects Prevention Act, hopefully fewer American families and children will be forced to live with the tragedy of birth defects.

I would like to conclude by recognizing the dedication of the March of Dimes in the fight against birth defects. Their hard work in trying to eradicate the number one killer of American babies is truly outstanding.

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of S. 419, the Birth Defects Prevention Act, and am pleased to be a cosponsor of its companion bill in the House of Representatives, H.R. 1114, which was introduced by two of my colleagues from the Texas delegation. As you know, this legislation was first introduced in the 102nd Congress in response to the tragedy that occurred in South Texas where a cluster of devastating birth defects escaped detection for several years.

S. 419 builds on legislation I introduced in the Texas House of Representatives in 1993 and that was signed into law. Anne Andis, from The Woodlands, Texas, was told when she was 10 weeks pregnant that her baby would be born with anencephaly, the same birth defect plaguing women and infants in South Texas. Her physician advised an induced delivery immediately. However, after agonizing over this decision with her husband and their two young daughters, they decided to have the child. Emma was born in February 1992 and lived for five days.

After Emma's death, Anne became involved in lobbying efforts to establish a birth defects registry in Texas after learning of the tragic situation in South Texas where an unexplained cluster of babies were being born with partial brains. Anne is a heroine because she agreed to make a very private tragedy public and was the motivator of Texas' efforts.

As you know, S. 419 calls for the establishment of a National Information Clearinghouse on Birth Defects to collect and disseminate to health professionals and the public information on birth defects, including prevention measures. It also directs the Centers for Disease Control to carry out, through the states, a program to collect, analyze and report statistics on birth defects.

Mr. Speaker, 150,000 infants are born each year with a serious birth defect. Many more children are found to have such disorders later in life. Families from all racial, ethnic and economic groups share the risk of having a child with a serious birth defect. Furthermore, for more than 20 years, birth defects have been

the leading cause of infant mortality. Surveillance is necessary to track the incidence of birth defects and reduces their impact of public health. Again, I am proud to be a cosponsor of this legislation. We can not begin to stop birth defects until we know when and where they are occurring. For families across our Nation like the Andis family, we must pass this legislation.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on S. 419, the Senate bill presently under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, we have Senator BOND here, who I know must be chomping at the bit to get up and talk about this. We are certainly very grateful to him for his leadership in the Senate. I guess our rules do not allow that.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 419.

The question was taken.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 5 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 5 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule 1, the Chair will now resume proceedings on approval of the Journal and put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Approval of the Journal de novo; House Concurrent Resolution 206, by the yeas and nays; and S. 419 by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 365, nays 39, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 40]

YEAS—365

Abercrombie	Conyers	Gordon
Ackerman	Cook	Goss
Aderholt	Cooksey	Graham
Allen	Cox	Granger
Andrews	Coyne	Green
Archer	Cramer	Greenwood
Armey	Crapo	Gutierrez
Bachus	Cubin	Hall (OH)
Baesler	Cummings	Hall (TX)
Baker	Cunningham	Hamilton
Baldacci	Danner	Hansen
Ballenger	Davis (FL)	Hastert
Barcia	Davis (IL)	Hastings (WA)
Barr	Deal	Hayworth
Barrett (NE)	DeGette	Heger
Barrett (WI)	Delahunt	Hill
Bartlett	DeLauro	Hobson
Bass	DeLay	Hoekstra
Bateman	Deutsch	Holden
Bentsen	Diaz-Balart	Holroyd
Bereuter	Dicks	Horn
Berman	Dingell	Hostettler
Berry	Dixon	Houghton
Bilbray	Doggett	Hoyer
Bilirakis	Dooley	Hulshof
Bishop	Doolittle	Hunter
Bliley	Doyle	Hutchinson
Blumenauer	Dreier	Hyde
Blunt	Duncan	Istook
Boehlert	Dunn	Jackson (IL)
Boehner	Edwards	Jackson-Lee
Bonilla	Ehlers	(TX)
Boswell	Ehrlich	Jefferson
Boucher	Emerson	Jenkins
Boyd	Engel	John
Brown (FL)	Eshoo	Johnson (CT)
Brown (OH)	Etheridge	Johnson (WI)
Bryant	Evans	Johnson, E. B.
Bunning	Everett	Johnson, Sam
Burr	Ewing	Jones
Burton	Farr	Kanjorski
Callahan	Fawell	Kaptur
Calvert	Foley	Kasich
Camp	Forbes	Kelly
Campbell	Ford	Kennedy (RI)
Canady	Fossella	Kennelly
Cannon	Fowler	Kildee
Cardin	Frank (MA)	Kilpatrick
Carson	Franks (NJ)	Kim
Castle	Frelinghuysen	Kind (WI)
Chabot	Frost	King (NY)
Chambliss	Gallegly	Klecza
Christensen	Gejdenson	Klink
Clayton	Gekas	Klug
Clement	Gibbons	Knollenberg
Coble	Gillmor	Kolbe
Coburn	Gilman	LaFalce
Collins	Goode	LaHood
Combest	Goodlatte	Lampson
Condit	Goodling	Lantos

Largent	Olver	Skaggs
Latham	Ortiz	Skeen
LaTourette	Owens	Skelton
Lazio	Oxley	Slaughter
Leach	Packard	Smith (MI)
Levin	Pallone	Smith (NJ)
Lewis (CA)	Pappas	Smith (OR)
Lewis (KY)	Parker	Smith (TX)
Linder	Pascrell	Smith, Adam
Lipinski	Pastor	Smith, Linda
Livingston	Paul	Snowbarger
Lofgren	Paxon	Snyder
Lowey	Payne	Solomon
Lucas	Pease	Souder
Maloney (CT)	Pelosi	Spence
Maloney (NY)	Peterson (MN)	Spratt
Manton	Peterson (PA)	Stabenow
Manzullo	Petri	Stark
Markey	Pickering	Stearns
Martinez	Pitts	Stenholm
Mascara	Pombo	Stokes
Matsui	Pomeroy	Strickland
McCarthy (MO)	Porter	Stump
McCollum	Portman	Stupak
McCrery	Price (NC)	Sununu
McDade	Pryce (OH)	Talent
McDermott	Quinn	Tanner
McGovern	Radanovich	Tauscher
McHale	Rahall	Tauzin
McHugh	Rangel	Taylor (NC)
McInnis	Redmond	Thomas
McIntosh	Regula	Thornberry
McIntyre	Reyes	Thune
McKeon	Riley	Thurman
McKinney	Rivers	Tiahrt
McNulty	Roemer	Tierney
Meehan	Rogan	Torres
Meek (FL)	Rogers	Towns
Meeks (NY)	Rohrabacher	Trafficant
Menendez	Ros-Lehtinen	Turner
Metcalf	Rothman	Upton
Mica	Roukema	Velazquez
Millender-	Roybal-Allard	Vento
McDonald	Royce	Visclosky
Miller (CA)	Ryun	Walsh
Miller (FL)	Salmon	Wamp
Minge	Sanchez	Watkins
Mink	Sanders	Watt (NC)
Moakley	Sandlin	Waxman
Mollohan	Sanford	Weldon (FL)
Moran (VA)	Sawyer	Weldon (PA)
Morella	Saxton	Wexler
Murtha	Scarborough	Weygand
Murphy	Scott	White
Nadler	Sensenbrenner	Whitfield
Neal	Serrano	Wise
Nethercutt	Shadegg	Wolf
Neumann	Shaw	Woolsey
Ney	Shays	Wynn
Northup	Sherman	Yates
Norwood	Shinkus	Young (AK)
Oberstar	Shuster	
Obey	Sisisky	

NAYS—39

Becerra	Fazio	Lewis (GA)
Bonior	Filner	LoBiondo
Borski	Fox	Moran (KS)
Brown (CA)	Ganske	Nussle
Chenoweth	Gephardt	Ramstad
Clay	Gutknecht	Sabo
Clyburn	Hastings (FL)	Schaffer, Bob
Costello	Hefley	Sessions
Crane	Hilleary	Taylor (MS)
DeFazio	Hilliard	Thompson
Dickey	Hinchey	Waters
English	Kingston	Watts (OK)
Ensign	Kucinich	Wicker

NOT VOTING—26

Barton	Harman	Riggs
Blagojevich	Hefner	Rodriguez
Brady	Hinojosa	Rush
Buyer	Inglis	Schaefer, Dan
Davis (VA)	Kennedy (MA)	Schiff
Fattah	Luther	Schumer
Furse	McCarthy (NY)	Weller
Gilchrest	Pickett	Young (FL)
Gonzalez	Poshard	

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Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF MEMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER AS CONFEEE ON H.R. 1757, STATE DEPARTMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 1998 AND 1999

The SPEAKER. The Chair wishes to announce that pursuant to clause 6(f), rule X, the Chair removes the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) as a conferee on H.R. 1757 and appoints the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) to fill the vacancy.

The Clerk will notify the Senate of the change in conferees.

PERMITTING USE OF ROTUNDA FOR CEREMONY IN COMMEMORATION OF DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

The SPEAKER. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 206.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 206, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 406, nays 0, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 41]

YEAS—406

Abercrombie	Calvert	Dingell
Ackerman	Camp	Dixon
Aderholt	Campbell	Doggett
Allen	Canady	Dooley
Andrews	Cannon	Doolittle
Archer	Cardin	Doyle
Armey	Carson	Dreier
Bachus	Castle	Duncan
Baessler	Chabot	Dunn
Baker	Chambliss	Edwards
Baldacci	Chenoweth	Ehlers
Ballenger	Christensen	Ehrlich
Barcia	Clay	Emerson
Barr	Clayton	Engel
Barrett (NE)	Clement	English
Barrett (WI)	Clyburn	Ensign
Bartlett	Coble	Eshoo
Bass	Coburn	Etheridge
Bateman	Collins	Evans
Becerra	Combest	Everett
Bentsen	Condit	Ewing
Bereuter	Conyers	Farr
Berman	Cook	Fawell
Berry	Cooksey	Fazio
Bilbray	Costello	Filner
Bilirakis	Cox	Foley
Bishop	Coyne	Forbes
Bliley	Cramer	Ford
Blumenauer	Crane	Fossella
Blunt	Crapo	Fowler
Boehlert	Cubin	Fox
Boehner	Cummings	Frank (MA)
Bonilla	Cunningham	Franks (NJ)
Bonior	Danner	Frelinghuysen
Borski	Davis (FL)	Frost
Boswell	Davis (IL)	Galleghy
Boucher	Deal	Ganske
Boyd	DeFazio	Gejdenson
Brown (CA)	DeGette	Gekas
Brown (FL)	Delahunt	Gephardt
Brown (OH)	DeLauro	Gibbons
Bryant	DeLay	Gillmor
Bunning	Deutsch	Gilman
Burr	Diaz-Balart	Goode
Burton	Dickey	Goodlatte
Callahan	Dicks	Goodling

Gordon	Martinez	Royce
Goss	Mascara	Rush
Graham	Matsui	Ryun
Granger	McCarthy (MO)	Sabo
Green	McCollum	Salmon
Greenwood	McCrery	Sanchez
Gutierrez	McDade	Sanders
Gutknecht	McDermott	Sandlin
Hall (OH)	McGovern	Sanford
Hall (TX)	McHale	Sawyer
Hamilton	McHugh	Saxton
Hansen	McInnis	Scarborough
Hastert	McIntosh	Schaffer, Bob
Hastings (FL)	McIntyre	Scott
Hastings (WA)	McKeon	Sensenbrenner
Hayworth	McKinney	Serrano
Hefley	McNulty	Sessions
Herger	Meehan	Shadegg
Hill	Meek (FL)	Shaw
Hilleary	Meeks (NY)	Shays
Hilliard	Menendez	Sherman
Hinchey	Metcalf	Shimkus
Hobson	Mica	Shuster
Hoekstra	Millender-	Sisisky
Holden	McDonald	Skaggs
Hooley	Miller (CA)	Skeen
Horn	Miller (FL)	Skelton
Hostettler	Minge	Slaughter
Houghton	Mink	Smith (MI)
Hoyer	Moakley	Smith (NJ)
Hulshof	Mollohan	Smith (OR)
Hunter	Moran (KS)	Smith (TX)
Hutchinson	Moran (VA)	Smith, Adam
Hyde	Morella	Smith, Linda
Istook	Murtha	Snowbarger
Jackson (IL)	Myrick	Snyder
Jackson-Lee	Nadler	Solomon
(TX)	Neal	Souder
Jefferson	Nethercutt	Spence
Jenkins	Neumann	Spratt
John	Ney	Stabenow
Johnson (CT)	Northup	Stark
Johnson (WI)	Norwood	Stearns
Johnson, E. B.	Nussle	Stenholm
Johnson, Sam	Oberstar	Stokes
Jones	Obey	Strickland
Kanjorski	Olver	Stump
Kaptur	Ortiz	Stupak
Kasich	Owens	Sununu
Kelly	Oxley	Talent
Kennedy (RI)	Packard	Tanner
Kennelly	Pallone	Tauscher
Kildee	Pappas	Tauzin
Kilpatrick	Parker	Taylor (MS)
Kim	Pascrell	Taylor (NC)
Kind (WI)	Pastor	Thomas
King (NY)	Paul	Thompson
Kingston	Paxon	Thornberry
Klecza	Payne	Thune
Klink	Pease	Thurman
Klug	Pelosi	Tiahrt
Knollenberg	Peterson (MN)	Tierney
Kolbe	Peterson (PA)	Torres
Kucinich	Petri	Towns
LaFalce	Pickering	Trafficant
LaHood	Pitts	Turner
Lampson	Pombo	Upton
Lantos	Pomeroy	Velazquez
Largent	Porter	Vento
Latham	Portman	Visclosky
LaTourette	Price (NC)	Walsh
Lazio	Pryce (OH)	Wamp
Leach	Quinn	Waters
Levin	Radanovich	Watkins
Lewis (CA)	Rahall	Watt (NC)
Lewis (GA)	Ramstad	Watts (OK)
Lewis (KY)	Rangel	Waxman
Linder	Redmond	Weldon (FL)
Lipinski	Regula	Weldon (PA)
Livingston	Reyes	Wexler
LoBiondo	Riley	Weygand
Lofgren	Rivers	White
Lowey	Roemer	Whitfield
Lucas	Rogan	Wicker
Luther	Rogers	Wise
Maloney (CT)	Rohrabacher	Wolf
Maloney (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen	Woolsey
Manton	Rothman	Wynn
Manzullo	Roukema	Yates
Markey	Roybal-Allard	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—24

Barton	Furse	Inglis
Blagojevich	Gilchrest	Kennedy (MA)
Brady	Gonzalez	McCarthy (NY)
Buyer	Harman	Pickett
Davis (VA)	Hefner	Poshard
Fattah	Hinojosa	Riggs